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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM DAR ES SALAAM
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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE I FY 1977

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1. TANZANIAN HAD NOT BEEN RECIPIENT OF PL 480 TITLE I ASSISTANCE PRIOR FY 1975. DUE DROUGHT AND REDUCED PRODUCTION DURING 1973/74, TANGOV REQUESTED FOOD ASSISTANCE FROM USG. IN FY 1975 20,000 MT RICE AND 30,000 MT OF TITLE II SORGHUM GRITS WERE PROVIDED. WE ALSO ARE SUPPLYING 30,000 MT TITLE II SOY FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS AND 40,000 MT TITLE I CORN IN FY 1976. IT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO REGULARIZE FOOD AID RATHER IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT WHEN FOOD PRODUCTION RETURNED TO NORMAL OUT PL 480 PROGRAM WOULD CEASE. MISSION THEREFORE DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THERE IS NEED FOR TANZANIA TO BE PLACED IN CORE PROGRAM.

2. WHILE CROP FORECASTS ARE MAINLY GUESSWORK, RAINFALL SEEMS TO
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HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT THIS YEAR TO SATISFY MOST FOOD NEEDS IN

1977. TANGOV MAY REQUEST NTE 30,000 MT OF TITLE II FOOD DEPENDING ON HARVEST AND MORE PARTICULARLY THE EXTENT OF THE NEXT ROUND OF SHORT RAINS IN THREE DROUGHT PRONE REGIONS IN CENTRAL TANZANIA. SCARCITY AND UNRELIABILITY OF DATA ON HARVEST/COLLECTION/PRIVATE STOCKS/CONSUMPTION MAKES IT DIFFICULT EVALUATE TANGOV REQUIREMENTS AND AID REQUESTS.

3. MISSION ALSO ANTICIPATES TANGOV REQUEST FOR TITLE I FOOD IN RANGE 40,000 TO 60,000 MT FOR FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING INITIATED ON BASIS FAO STUDY RECENTLY COMPLETED BUT NOT YET PUBLISHED. FAO'S PROJECT GOALS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES TO STORE BUFFER FOOD STOCKS AS INSURANCE AGAINST FUTURE DROUGHTS OR CROP FAILURES, CROP FORECASTING CAPABILITY, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT ENTIRE EFFORT.

4. FAO APPROACHING VARIOUS DONORS IN REGARD PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAM. WHEN TEAM RECENTLY VISITED USAID THEY WERE TOLD THAT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HAD RAISED TOPIC WITH AMBASSADOR SPAIN. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A FOOD CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRATEGIC RESERVE. HE ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND WOULD DEPEND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ON TANGOV'S SATISFACTORY HANDLING OF COMPENSATION CASES (DAR 2005). WE NOT ANTICIPATING ASSISTANCE IN STORAGE FACILITY ASPECT OF PROJECT. WE WOULD EVALUATE ANY REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN TERMS ITS RELATION OUR OVERALL STRATEGY, MODE REQUIREMENTS, ETC.

5. FIGURES PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE ARE INTENDED AS POSSIBLE HELP FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.

WE WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVE ON THIS MATTER. WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ANY APPROACHES BY TANZANIANS OR FAO PERSONNEL.

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